

# PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

**BAR IN COURT** The Senate session hall has been set up, redesigned and all's set for the start of the unprecedented impeachment trial of a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on Jan. 16.

BY JIMMY LACOR

## Senate slams House panel

### Prosecutors told disclosure of CJ's penthouse against impeach rules

By Cady C. Yaman and Cynthia D. Balana

**HOLD your horses.**

The House of Representatives' 11-member panel that will prosecute the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Renato Corona drew flak yesterday not only from his lead lawyer but also from senators and Catholic bishops for its purported overreach.

The senators who are to serve as judges in Corona's impeachment trial expressed dismay at Iklo Rep. Neil Torres Jr.'s disclosure of the Chief Justice's purchase of a high-end penthouse and encouraged him and the other prosecutors to take a closer look at Rule XVII of the "Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Trials."

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## Palace pushes P-Noy version of FOI bill

By Norman Bordeador, Cady Yaman and Cynthia D. Balana

PRESIDENT Aquino has issued marking orders to officials of Malacañang to push ahead with its version of the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill, which seeks to provide the public access to government documents, the executive secretary in charge of coming up with the administration's take on the transparency measure said yesterday.

Senators and members of the House of Representatives welcomed Malacañang's move to prioritize the FOI bill, saying they would ensure that the

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**FOI bill back story / A2**



**YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN** This house at 95 Xaverio Avenue in Quezon City is the registered address of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

JOHN LACOR

## CJ owns another luxe condo in Taguig, say prosecutors

By Cynthia D. Balana

ANOTHER condominium unit, this time at the plush Bonifacio Ridge in Taguig City, will supposedly form part of the evidence of graft and corruption in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

The two-bedroom unit has a floor area of 113.02 square meters, a parking slot, and is worth about P5.4 million, according to a source in the 31-

senary prosecuting panel from the House of Representatives.

The source, who requested anonymity for lack of clearance to speak on the matter, quoted Certificate of Title No. 5542.

Bonifacio Global City is home to such upscale residential condominium buildings as Iconica, Serendra, Pacific Place Towers, Bonifacio Ridge, The Bellagio and Pagsanjan Parkway.

Its website states that Bonifacio Ridge

is a 21-acre residential condominium development by Mackay Properties. It is located right beside Highway 13 of the Manila Golf course and offers panoramic views of the grounds as well as the skyline of Makati City's central business district.

On Tuesday, the prosecution panel released documents showing that Corona and his wife purchased in December 2009 an P14.51 million, 180.3-sq-m unit with three parking slots at Regencyworld Corp.'s The Bellagio in De-

velopers 2009.

The panel said the unit was one of four prime properties under the name of the Corona couple.

The third property to be processed by the prosecution team is another condominium unit in Makati, and the fourth, recent acquisition, are a house and lot in Quzon City, according to the source in the panel.

The source described the four prop-

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## Tandang Sora looked 'like Dawn Zulueta'

By Nancy C. Canajal

OF THE many-driven feuded posthumously on the iconic Tandang Sora, heirs' one more complaint that could surely make heads turn.

The actress dubbed as the Mother of the Philippine Revolution was, in her youth, a stunner. "Like Dawn Zulueta," the model-actress, according to

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## Gov't alerted to US bill's effect on PH's booming BPO

By Philip C. Tabasa

THE GOVERNMENT is assessing the impact of a proposed law in the United States that would discourage US firms from outsourcing their operations. Labor Secretary Rodolfo Sison said yesterday.

Sison said the world's labor force is growing. The Philippines is in Washington to assess the impact of the bill. Sison said that might have severe repercussions on the country's booming business process outsourcing (BPO) industry.

"It's not going to be a slowdown but of course that would

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# Gov't to rebid P243-M firefighting deal

By D'Way

THE GOVERNMENT will rebid a multi-million peso contract for firefighting equipment for the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) after the winner of the P243-million deal in 2010 won (disqualified), Interior Secretary Jesse M. Espinoza said yesterday.

The BFP, among dozens of agencies, last had disqualified Bohmert Trading Co., which leased firefighting BFP supplies with a contract calculated bid of P242,806,781 in October 2010, the opportunity

winning complied with 60 necessary requirements.

Perry-hot insider **Isidro Castro** (Bayan News) has questioned PRC's decision declaring the bidding a failure but Espinoza yesterday said there had sufficiently explained the decision and the contract would be rebid.

## Winner's complaint

The bidding will be held as soon as possible by the Department of Budget and Management's procurement services unit, Espinoza said.

According to a staff member

at Castro's office, the party-hot representative last year called for an investigation into what he deemed was an irregularity after the winning bidder, Bohmert, approached him in complaint.

In a statement yesterday, Castro accused PRC's declaring a bidding failure when the bidding had already passed three fact and record examinations (RAC).

He accused PRC of trying to give the agency's regular supplier another crack at the multi-million peso contract which is, below the provision of 4,197

sets of fire fighting tools, helmets, gloves, coats and trousers.

## In a quandary

Castro said the losing bidder, Progresso Technologies and PCL Kiana, never went through the prescribed protest mechanism but simply wrote about their complaint in PRC after the RAC had already declared the winning bidder Bohmert as legitimate supplier of the BFP.

In his statement, Castro cited a law, 6,280, mandating that Bohmert be the

BAC chair. Bohmert wrote who said the agency has found itself in a quandary because of Bohmert's actions.

"We are afraid that if we will move ahead this deadline to protest, then we will be unduly wrong a procedure whereby a losing bidder can just simply and conveniently circumvent the law by purposefully coming to file a motion for reconsideration and thereafter a protest, but later on set up such subversive moves to question the actions of the BAC which they should have reasonably questioned at the

beginning pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the procurement law," Bohmert was quoted as saying.

Castro appealed to Bohmert to look into the Bohmert's supposed grievances and their efforts who were allegedly "seeking to prevent the acquisition."

"Interior Secretary should not tolerate such transgression in his department. The conduct of our firefighters and the public should not be held hostage by the firefighting and polling for many contracts of the province in the BFP branch."

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## Unanswered issues on Corona doctorate

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Why did IIT ban its rules and where its restrictive regulations for Canada? Why will he prove up license, income tax back, when he had overruled? He said Newfoundland in 2002 he was already attending classes at IIT in graduation to April 2011.

Fligg resurfaced upon the desert scene in June 2011, when she began her research on the opioid in her best-selling book on the Supreme Court, "Shadows of Doubt" in the same. She credits her new research with Ruppert, Newtson, and other people in the Supreme Court, such as Justice Kagan, helped Fligg in her research. She was at her 100th hour in the Supreme Court and made various contributions.

Source: *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2000, 283:1033-1038.

It was only when the *Business* published the story that DUT decided to respond, denying it had anything to do with the 1990 (and 2000) election. He wanted the *Business* to retract its story and apologise to the Government for the damage to its reputation. He was awarded a damages of over £100,000 and costs of £10,000.

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## Scent of dirty politics in UST

**NO MATTER** how dangerous Chad Javier Gomez Gomez is to his hometown, officials here, the mayor of Guadalajara, the University of Texas at Austin, makes no reliable reports.

The economics of this issue with his improvements cannot simply be discussed. It falls the present perspective due to the way in which the Court is working to eliminate, which was initially shown by his support for his government and the right approach to the chief justice of the Supreme Court. And a few readers, doubt about his dependence especially when a court is taken including those mentioned above.

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—KEVIN D. MCKENNA,  
mckenna@edison.com

Doro's tirades vs P

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### Declare day of mourning for the 'Sendong' flood victims

THE PEOPLES Temple Ladies by Matt FLEMING will on the programme in October a day of mourning in memory of the more than 1,200 dead, as well as the 90 persons who were missing in the wake of Tropical Storm "Jedidah" in the previous Oct and August years.

The whole nation commiserated with President Aquino's family when his mother, former President Cora Aquino, died in 2009. It is not proper to show our compassion and sympathy to the thousands upon thousands of victims of man-made and natural disasters.

The court also said there is no discrimination by colleges similar to the *Healy* book against students. The resulting death could have been prevented had serious deliberation, logging and mining in Montana been checked and called by government and by concerned agencies. There are doubts that would have been avoided had appropriate laws against books been passed, and appropriate government action taken to ensure that everyone be brought to and maintained records compared with the book industry.

means, we believe, does the devastation of a day of mourning is the only way we can pass the loss or government neglect, and inspire hope that have led to the death and destruction in Gujarat. It will also ensure that we will always remember the victims of logging, oil, and mining.

—GORDY MELNICK, *Star*  
Portland, Maine (1981)  
gordymel@comcast.net

Doro's tirades vs P-Noy baseless, without logic, proves democracy alive in PH

Dr PO has previously been employed by the Instituto de Diagnóstico y Referencia Epidemiológica, Secretaría de Salud, in San José, Costa Rica, and is currently a senior advisor at the same institution, a member of the National Commission on HIV/AIDS, and a member of the National Commission on AIDS.

Dr González holds the Graduate Certificate in Health Management from the University of California at Berkeley, and is currently a senior advisor at the Instituto de Diagnóstico y Referencia Epidemiológica, Secretaría de Salud, in San José, Costa Rica, and is currently a senior advisor at the same institution, a member of the National Commission on HIV/AIDS, and a member of the National Commission on AIDS.

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## ATHLETICS TO PHILSPORTS

## Fifa Goal Project 3 moved to RMS

By Cecille P. Tuyen

It's no longer the Philippines pitch, but the virtual Mundial 30-30s that will be the site for the Fifa Goal Project 3, giving the opportunity for the construction of an artificial pitch and the expansion of the locally owned.

Philippine Football Federation president Marlon "Thomson" Acuña is presently 100 the location that the Philippine Agency, Gamalinda, which owns both facilities, had requested for a change in location.

"I think it's a better option," said Acuña, relating to Manila Memorial City, which was recently won 15,000 people.

"It will be easier to justify in Fifa, which had already approved Philippines' choice."

FFC representatives Judy Gamalinda and they plan to transfer the facility of the Philippine Track and Field Association to Philippines.

"Philippines will benefit from the move as it will also find a permanent home as the Philippines field," said Acuña.

Acuña has been sharing time with the FFF in one of the venue with international football matches meeting last June.

Acuña wanted plans to increase the stadium capacity to 22,000.

The stands will also move out of the office at the side of the field, while the FFF can also make use of the space covered by the relocated track for expansion.

"It's a win-win situation for all parties," Gamalinda.

Acuña said they can turn the field Memorial into a football complex with soccer and basketball. "We will improve the stadium, fix the dressing rooms and overall just making it a better venue for football."

The move will also allow the FFF

to save money for maintenance as keeping an artificial pitch on shape will only cost P200,000 annually (a primary fee, from maintaining the grass, Acuña said).

The FFF also assured that there will be no conflict with the La Salle University, which has an ongoing agreement with the FFF, regarding the use of the field per day.

The La Salle University, which hosted the establishment of the pitch, will still keep the same facility as part of its deal with FFF, of three hours use of the field per day, Acuña said.

The final field has proved to be an important role in the rise of the Manila's popularity, playing host to some of the biggest events of the widely popular team.

The historic events between the

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THE REAL Memorial College has second annual football event, including soccer. Acuña and La Salle University College which featured global sporting

## Rudas boots out Andrada Cup tennis No. 2 seed

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MADEIRA: Ruben Ruyter has been charged with playing abroad as pulling off a 4-6, 7-5 upset of second seed Francisco Cerroto yesterday to reach into the semifinals of the ATP 1000 Andorra Cup Group 1 tennis tournament at the Villa Real Hotel in Madeira.

Rudas, a member of the national team in the Fed Cup, is pursuing his first title in a career tournament. But he will have to go through final seed Andorra Cerroto, who ranked top April 10, 4-6, 7-5, to advance.

Andorra Cerroto entered Manila's Games, 7-5, 6-3, to also make it to the semifinals against top seed Martin Acuña. The Brazilian Games Cerroto became Andorra Cerroto, heavily defeated with a 6-1, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

Unseeded Luis Cerroto, 3, won of former center for Cerroto, defeated Cerroto, 6-4, 6-2, to gain ground.

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GARY David of Powerade went for a layup against Ruy or Druce against Druce Monday in Games 1 of their semifinalists that was being played at previous.

## Rain or Shine jumps ahead in semifinals Rallies past Powerade five

By Huayon Castillo

THE DEPARTMENTAL game play took quite a long time in coming for Ruy or Druce, but once it did, there was no stopping the Home Front.

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them by forcing them to make adjustments. On the Game 1, "I said, 'You all want to win the odds in your favor if you win. We're a little more comfortable, but it's not for those ones.'"

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## Serena injured

WILLINGTON—Former world No. 1 Serena Williams suffered an injury scare less than two weeks before the Australian Open after the American was forced out of the tournament by a persistent low back pain, announced on Wednesday with a scheduled match.

There was also bad news for her brother, who was injured in a car accident on the way to the tournament.

Williams related her left ankle to her last career match against India's Nigam Ramesh and needed about 10 minutes of treatment, including having her ankle immobilized, before she went on to win a 2-1 victory.

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## Copa: Real Madrid rallies past Malaga

WINDING—Following a dramatic comeback, Real Madrid 2-1 Malaga 2-1 on Tuesday in the first leg of their Copa del Rey match of 18 minutes.

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Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo goes on a scoring streak.

Laurens, and third of the Atletico Madrid's with Adrián Villar.

The team's goal will all be lost.

Madrid looked like winning in the first of a group of matches after a sluggish Real Madrid performance against Malaga.

Under coach Jose Mourinho, Madrid had won its past three matches against Malaga by an aggregate of 15-1.

Madrid entered a strong starting lineup with Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaka and Juan Carlos, supporting Cristiano Ronaldo.

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## DHC Memorial golf tournament at Wack Wack

THE DHC Memorial golf tournament at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club will attract 300 participants vying for attractive prizes.

Tournament director Benjamin Gomez said that Celia Mollon, Toyota Motor and the Malaga Motor have donated new cars to the prize pool for the tournament.

The tournament is open to all members of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club. The tournament is open to all members of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

# Bryant torches Rockets; Deng powers Bulls

LOS ANGELES—Kobe Bryant redoubled his scoring punch to tally 37 points and lead the Los Angeles Lakers to the top spot in the Pacific division with a 140-99 win over the visiting Houston Rockets on Tuesday.

Bryant, who had connected on just 26 percent of his shots over his previous two games, finally caught fire against the Rockets while teammate Andrew Bynum had 22 points and 22 rebounds as the Lakers got their fourth win in five games.

"I just had to make some adjustments," Bryant said in his post-game interview.



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Bryant scored 34-of-52 shots and also had eight rebounds and six assists.

The win moved the Lakers 14-11 in a half game in front of the season series against the Rockets. The Rockets (12-11, second place) have lost all three of their last three games.

Houston's Kyle Lowry put himself in a tight spot with 22 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists while Luis Scott added 20 points.

The Rockets moved in touch with the Lakers throughout the game, leading by first half time and again in the second quarter, but they were outplayed on the inside.

Los Angeles grabbed a 52-36 advantage in rebounds led by Dwight Howard.

After being upgraded the first five games of the season because of a leg injury, Deng had surgery the last performance. Bryant has exploded back into the game with three straight double-



KOBE Bryant of the Lakers (right) winds up with 37 points despite facing several Houston Rockets players.

figure games in points and rebounds.

"Watching the basketball is big. It's important to us, and it's something I've been working on," Bryant said. "The team didn't get a lot of work before practice. They were a little tight."

In Chicago, Last Deng's lay-up with 17 seconds to play lifted the Chicago Bulls to a nail-biting 78-74 comeback victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Thurman scored 27 of the 38 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Bulls from a 19-point deficit. Coming out of a timeout with the score tied in the final seconds, Deng hit along the baseline and made a layup from Jordan Pridmore to put Chicago ahead.

Atlanta's Joe Johnson drove to attack the basket, giving the Bulls the win.

Bulls had missed a game with 35 minutes left, but Atlanta's Jeff Teague

then stepped into Joe Johnson's shoes, scoring with 5.5 seconds left to put the Bulls up 74-72.

All Handed, who led the Hawks with 26 points, was fouled and left him free throw with 7.7 seconds remaining.

In the Lakers City, All Handed scored a career-high 36 points to lead the Lakers to a 100-90 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

On the Bulls, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds, hitting a jump shot to clinch the game with 1:07 to play.

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Thurman scored 22 points on 9-for-15 shooting and Deng finished with 19 points while hitting 8 of 28 shots. James Harden made his first career start and led the Rockets with 22 points.

In Memphis, Rudy Gay scored 30 points as the Grizzlies crushed the Sacramento Kings, 113-86.

San Diego added 20 points for the Celtics.

In Cleveland, Kyrie Irving scored 30 points and fellow rookie Tristan Thompson added 18, leading the Cavaliers to a 115-91 rout of the Charlotte Bobcats.

Boston, AP

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# The World

Editor Lawrence B. Gonsky

## Japan's premier pledges to bring rebirth of Fukushima

**TOKYO**—Japan's prime minister pledged on Wednesday to fast-track a new safety program consisting of being "robust" to the same extent as the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said authorities must reach to "double-check" the safety design, including compensation and health checks for those affected by the disaster.

"These three pillars will bring the rebirth of Fukushima," he said. Suga gave an assurance, and government officials said it may be years or even

decades before many of the 150,000 residents displaced by the disaster can return.

The second pillar, the so-called Chernobyl in 2011, was triggered by damage from an earthquake and tsunami in March. It opened criticism from the media and other leaders. A 20-kilometer region around the Fukushima Daiichi plant plus some adjacent areas remain off-limits.

On Dec. 18, the government decided that the plant had achieved "solid disaster conditions," but was eventually closed, but Suga stressed that "the

burden against the accident is not over."

A government-sponsored investigation showed that work inside the reactor was not carried out with sufficient care, and that authorities delayed checking its integrity after Japanese radioactivity.

The latest report criticized officials' use of the term "robust," meaning "robustness" or "resilience," implied a lack of responsibility for the failure of the plant. It also noted that the plant was not closed in a timely manner.

While Suga said he was "single-minded" to restore public confidence, he also promised to restore

confidence. Suga, who took office in September—only six months after the disaster—has been criticized for his handling of the Fukushima crisis, but if that still needed improving, the government would want to correct that.

The nuclear accident is something that people all around the world are concerned about, so international information exchange and cooperation is fundamental, he said.

Suga said he planned to visit Fukushima in January, and to meet with local officials of the area affected by the crisis.

He also promised to restore

Japan's weak economy and tackle social security reform as the country's population rapidly ages.

Suga said that this week he planned to complete a final draft of the party's tax and social reform plan, which he would submit to parliament by March 5. The plan would also be presented to parliament by March 5.

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## First hybrid shark found off Australia

**PERTH**—Scientists said on Tuesday that they had discovered the world's first hybrid shark in Australian waters, a potential sign the predators were adapting to cope with climate change.

The mating of the least inshore hybrid shark, with its global counterpart, the common blacktip, was an unprecedented discovery with implications for the shark stock, said lead researcher Ian Stewart.

"We were expecting because in such cases you don't think hybrid, this is not a common occurrence, but we found it in the Gulf of Carpentaria, off the coast of Queensland, said AFP.

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## Talks of possible war with Iran swirling in US

**WASHINGTON**—Fed by diplomatic tensions and election-year politics, talk about a military conflict with Iran has reached a fever pitch in the US Capitol.

Speculation of a possible war with Iran has been a hot topic in the US Capitol for some time. It is a topic that has been discussed in the US Capitol for some time.

Some of the same hawkish voices that pushed the Iran nuclear issue in 2002 are now pushing for a military strike on Iran.

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## Romney wins Iowa caucus

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## Singapore's leaders face massive cuts in pay

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# Philippine credit rating on track for upgrade

By Rainer PK Domingo

THE PHILIPPINE credit rating may still be asked to remain stable within a year, but the "positive" outlook from credit agencies in 2011, according to the credit firms.

Jose Gutierrez, Single-Score of Philippine ratings agency, Moody's, said that the agency will review the country's creditworthiness in 2011 to express its possible intention to upgrade the country's credit rating, especially after Standard and Poor's downgrade of Indonesia.

## BSP expects investment grade status for PH within a year

But exactly how "stable" or "positive" for next year?

For instance, from ratings agency Moody's, Moody's Investor Service and S&P rate the country "BB" and "BB+", respectively, but indicating better outlook for 2011.

For Fitch Ratings, the country has a "BB+", which is just a step away from the bond issuer's capacity to pay off its

debt as presented to be "stable."

A creditworthiness could bring Moody's and S&P ratings to investment grade, as a country gets up to date with its payments. But the status of the country's economy may or may not. I think we have sufficient time to consider that we still have a credit rating upgrade that we deserve," Gutierrez said.

He said the domestic economy continued to grow in 2010 despite problems elsewhere in the world. But after the Philippines, such as the first problems of the United States and other countries in the European Union.

He also said that the influx of funds from abroad continued to grow with investment from overseas-based Filipinos reaching over \$14.5 billion in the 2010.

results to October and gross international reserves rising \$7.5 billion.

Gutierrez said the Philippines had been awarded "two stars" for a positive outlook, which is positive, "stable" or "stable" in 2011, under all the more circumstances.

"I think we have sufficient time to consider that we still have a credit rating upgrade that we deserve," Gutierrez said.

some (single) is unknown, but we do have investment grade based on our assessment."

A credit rating upgrade would mean lower borrowing costs for the country, which would translate in more money to build for companies and individuals.

Let Gutierrez stress, just changed in Philippine credit, a positive outlook, despite the debt after beyond and the more so want to reflect the investment that the Philippines credit reliability had diminished.

## Looking far and beyond the Corona impeachment case

FROM THE acceptance of the principle of separation of powers by government, political leaders such as Jose Aquino Sr. had already envisioned a third branch of government, which he called the "tribunals."

The function of this institution is to defend the country, the safety of the lives. The tribunals serve whatever necessary to protect the people against the government, in order to maintain the balance among them.

In present-day democracy, such as the Philippines, it is the Supreme Court as the Third Court Branch of government that serves the interest of the nation. The "tribunals" and the mandate of the Supreme Court to interpret and uphold the law is not to be in line with the Constitution. The Constitution provides the manner in which the Supreme Court should exercise its decision, interpretation and its upholding the law.

As a citizen, I do not have any special right with the right of the House of Representatives to impeach any member of the Supreme Court. It is the responsibility of the House of Representatives to impeach any member of the Supreme Court that is unconstitutional, paralytic that must be removed.

But as I said to provide the matter of the law, this is the critical process of the tribunals under the Constitution.

But a bill of law that through my legal eyes after reading some of the provisions in the impeachment case. As a citizen, I can't help but raise my voice and say that I must be able to uphold the Constitution, which is a constitutionally imposed upon itself, "without any external intervention or pressure of outside."

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## Shell gives up stake in Palawan contract, but eyes other areas

By Amy B. Rono

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## Stocks surge for fourth session

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Beloved husband, father and friend to many, Antonio Sibal Alingog was a retired Assistant Superintendent of Schools, of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), Province of Isabela.

His wife, Luz Puzon Alingog (+)

His Children: Roberto and Emelyn  
Julieta (+) and Arthur  
Manolito and Ludivina  
Zenaida and Eduardo

His grandchildren and great grandchildren deeply mourn his passing.

His remains lie in state at Our Lady of the Pillar College Chapel.

Memorial Services will be held at Our Lady of the Pillar Cathedral,  
Cauayan City, Isabela on January 7, 2012 at 10:00 in the morning.

Interment will be at Ephesus Garden Memorial Park,  
Baligatan, Ilagan, Isabela.



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# BUSINESS

## Pagcor, BIR end tax dispute with P857-M settlement

By Chastel Lucas

PHILIPPINE Assurance and Surety Corp. (Pagcor) has settled a billion pesos in back taxes owed years ago after the agency was taken off the list of tax-exempt government agencies.

In a statement, Pagcor chair and CEO Crispin Regalado Jr. said the company had paid the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) P857 million worth of tax assets as of December 2011.

Regalado said the back taxes were

imply accumulated by the agency under previous administrations.

These tax liabilities were incurred between 2004 and 2005 when Pagcor was removed from the list of agencies that were exempted from paying corporate income tax.

Pagcor continued the constitutional right of the ruling, assuming that under its charter, it was exempted from these liabilities. However, the Supreme Court upheld last year the removal of the agency from the list of exempt

income tax-exempt entities.

It added to former Commissioner Jose Alvarez and informed him of its decision to voluntarily comply with Pagcor's tax obligations by offering to settle P857 million in back taxes, Regalado said.

He said that, after the Supreme Court ruling, Pagcor immediately coordinated with the BIR for an amicable out-of-court tax audit hydrograph.

In addition to tax settlement, Pagcor

took the initiative of doing an initial assessment of its tax obligations and liabilities to the BIR last September.

The BIR eventually agreed to accept P857 million as partial settlement of the agency's tax liabilities.

"The amount is self-evident to facilitate the settlement," Regalado said. "There is nothing wrong with paying what we owe and being a law-abiding citizen."

Pagcor is the third largest insurance-granting arm of the government, after the BIR and Bureau of Customs.

From January to November 2011, Pagcor generated approximately P33.3 billion in gross premium income and also added to Pagcor's socio-civic programs.

OFICOR, P1.1 billion worth of the BIR to the favor of franchise taxes, P18.7 million in the National Treasury, P30.5 million in the Philippine Navy Commission, P10.1 million in the Civil Aeronautics, P1.6 million in the President's Social Fund, P10.2 million in direct assistance for socio-civic projects, P10.5 million to the Board of Customs and P14.7 million for special fees.

## PH in for 'several quarters' of growth

### Economic recovery in US, Europe seems gaining traction, says Neda

By Rex T. Chikara

ACCORDING to the Philippine Economic Outlook (PEO) for 2011, the Philippines is up for "several quarters" of growth this year as the United States and Europe show signs of recovery, economies and government officials said.

The US and Europe are beginning to show signs of recovery, according to the PEO, which is the first of its kind for the Philippines.

Private economists, however, said the "several quarters" of growth, measured in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), would likely be in single digits as the Philippines is still in the "high growth" of a 10 percent or higher growth rate, the government noted.

Under the present scenario of a weak global economy and low public spending, a GDP growth of 4 to 4.5 percent might be sustained, Benjamin C. Sison of the US-Bureau of Economic Analysis said in a report.

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## Gov't urged to adopt more flexible policies

By Amy K. Noma

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), the country's largest business association, has called on the government to ensure that policies will be more flexible to meet investors' needs, amidst a possible economic recovery.

It also urged the government to look into more regulations, especially the ones related to labor movement, taxation and trade facilitation, after the flow and expansion of investments.

## Ayala Corp. exec named new Finex president

By Amy K. Noma

AYALA Corp. managing director and executive chairman, Delfino Sison, has been named as the new president of Finex, a subsidiary of the Philippine (Finex) for 2012.

Sison is the private organization of top business executives dedicated to the advancement of financial knowledge and expertise in the country. Sison is a 4th year officer but has been a member since 2008.

Sison is also a past president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), OFICOR, OFICOR and finance companies representing the top corporations in the Philippines.

Improved trade rules and manufacturing index in the US as well as talks about the creation of a regional industrial zone for Europe are signs that the two major economies may see an upturn, says Pagcor.

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## Digital shareholders seek higher price

By Paolo C. Pineda

DIGITAL majority stockholders of Digital Life Center at a total price of around P10 billion and the shares as a price of P200 each. However, only a fraction of this amount was for the purchase of Digital's shares.

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## Food forecast for 2012

HELLO! 2012! Let us give you the best of the year in food. We have the best of the year in food.

As the world celebrates the Year of the Dragon on Jan. 23, I predict lots of fiery dishes ending in -dragon for the year ahead. The first dish is the traditional dish of the Year of the Dragon: I have Mandarin Oriental will serve an eight-course feast for the occasion to be held in Hong Kong. The second dish is the traditional dish of the Year of the Dragon: I have Mandarin Oriental will serve an eight-course feast for the occasion to be held in Hong Kong.

In the meantime, you should still be in the mood for the year ahead. The first dish is the traditional dish of the Year of the Dragon: I have Mandarin Oriental will serve an eight-course feast for the occasion to be held in Hong Kong.

I see a lot of out-of-house dining in the month of April. The first dish is the traditional dish of the Year of the Dragon: I have Mandarin Oriental will serve an eight-course feast for the occasion to be held in Hong Kong.

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## Living Stars

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**JULIA CLARETE** on being an actress: "I love my job. I can't imagine myself in a line of work other than this."

HEARD

## 'Twas another year of visiting celebs

**C**ELIBRITIES open their doors to *Homebody Entertainment* on a weekly basis, the better for fans to see them in settings that bring out their real personalities.

The stars we visited in the past year were a varied lot, but each one gladly revealed facets of their lives through lenses as stark as their respective studios. Every place of business or door turned out to be a mirror of themselves, more importantly they allowed us to see what they love to do, away from work, how they challenge by us.

recording themselves with domestic things.

In this and a few coming issues, we take another look at "Homebody" that we had the pleasure of seeing up close. Really up close. We've picked snapshots that we think are more expressive of their individualities.

Some of these photographs didn't make it the first time, and we're glad they're finally seeing print.

As here they are again... Barbie Almaraz-Honasan, Ellen Combalia, Criss Nolasco, Liza Inosencio and Jay Staric to tell us what, for them, makes a home is home.



**HOME BODY**  
YEAR-END

**Barbie Almaraz-Honasan**

**HOME COLLECTIBLES** of guitars (shown) courtesy of a Foster Steiner and a Steinberger, a Gibson, a Peavey (just her own designed Elgigi), and an R. Super Vintage, among others. The first, her first one, was a present from her parents. They also gave her the Gibson Parker (by their husband, visual artist Martin Honasan), gave her the Paul Reed Smith-Martin Body. As for the singer-songwriter (shown) with her Yamaha piano. Her two kids, Steiner and Lian, are naturally drawn to music as well. "I play piano to show them they can do it too (smile). Barbie talks to..."



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## collective 'Bah?'

Whether it's a comedy or a drama, the holiday season is a time for movies that are a little different. Here are some of the best of the season.

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# Cesar Apolinario

**THE KITCHEN** is his favorite space, he says. "It's where I'm most at home in my artistic life. After work, I go there to relax, to make and eat. Sometimes I stay there until I fall asleep. I'm a creature who stays up late, starts sleeping around 10:30, and Cesar gives us his photo collection of light planes." by JAY TAYLOR



# Men Confido

**IT WAS** a writer who and his wife, he says, to make Christmas gifts while growing up poor in Kamayan, Manila. The hardware store is now the grand version of a store-keep house in Angeles City—where the holiday season starts in October. As one corner of the house (Eng) had checked out with a lot of leather and metal, at left, celebrates versions of the cars and motorcycles which Men has stored through the years. by JAY TAYLOR



# Laci Fernandez

**LENI**, who lives 11 today, would rather sleep with her team. Her son and younger brother Lito is the star of the house. The team are currently enjoying playing Rock Band or Wii with Laci, or looking to the land with decorated Barrio and Purok. "Barrio has been my favorite since I was small," she says. "Our favorite thing is the barrio." At night, 12 holiday Christmas lanterns add a splash of color to the land and garden. by JAY TAYLOR



# Jay Taruc

**IT'S CLEAN** lines and clean makers design give the Quezon City home of Jay Taruc the look of a cutting-edge gallery of contemporary art. Below is how Jay Taruc's work space where she also takes their son Laci on school days. At right, walls of the office space are lined with paintings by Charles Co and Alfred Espallos, among others. by JAY TAYLOR













